

City of Reading Charter Board

May 7, 2013 – 7:00 pm

Penn Room

Members Present: Susan Gibson, Jerry Richter, Elizabeth Stanley

Board Solicitor: Eric Smith, Esq

Members Absent: None

Members of Public and Invited Guests: Mr. Don Spatz, Reading Eagle

I. Administration

- The Board's next meeting of May 21, 2013, will be cancelled. Notification will be posted by the Clerk's office. The Board will meet again Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 7:00 pm.
- The Chair announced there has been no new Right to Know requests.
- The Chair noted that application for the Board has been made by Mr. Tom Anewalt on or around March 12, 2013. Per Council staff, Mr. Anewalts application continues to await mayoral approval.
- Meeting minutes for April 2, 2013 were distributed for review. A motion was made by Ms. Stanley, 2nd by Mr. Richter to adopt the minutes as drafted. The motion passed by unanimous verbal vote.

II. Education

- No current issues

III. Advisory

- The Board received a request for Advisory Opinion dated April 9, 2013 from Solicitor Charles Younger. Mr. Younger's requests, labeled as Advisory Opinions #33 asks the following:

May City Council appoint members to a Charter Review Commission (HRC Section 1203) without a vote?

IV. Enforcement

- The Board Chair announced an Executive Session to confer with counsel regarding pending litigation including the appeal of the Final Opinion and

Order of Investigation #32, the Declaratory Judgment Action and appeal of the Final Opinion and Order of Investigation #34 (Docket #1320083). The Board will also confer with counsel regarding Advisory Opinion #33.

- The Board entered executive session at 7:15 pm and exited executive session at 7:55 pm.
- After returning to public session an open call for public comment was offered by the chair. No public comment was given. A motion was then made by Mr. Richter, 2nd by Ms. Stanley to adopt and issue Advisory Opinion #33, pertaining City Council appointments to a Charter Review Commission. The motion passed by unanimous verbal vote. The Opinion will be issued within the time frames specified by the Charter Board Ordinance.

V. **Closing**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Gibson, Chair

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